XVI. Tamil Nadu

XVII. Tripura

XVIII. West Bengal

XIX. Uttar Pradesh

XX. Uttaranchal

**UT**

I. D&N Haveli

II. Lakshadweep

III. Daman & Diu

The information regarding the number of persons drawing such allowances, State-wise, is not being maintained by the Ministry.

**Hostels for backward class students**

617. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government nas granted recognition to more than 155 new aided hostels for backward class students which did not fulfil pre-requisite conditions;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) to (c) The Government of India has not so far released any funds to the Government of Maharashtra for construction of hostels under its Scheme of Hostels for OBC boys and girls. The Government of Maharashtra has informed that it is not a fact that Govt. of Maharashtra has granted recognition to 155 new aided hostels for Backward Classes Students which did not fulfil pre-requisite conditions. However, the Govt. of Maharashtra has taken decision to start 33 aided hostels for backward class boys and 67 aided hostels for backward class girls students studying in 5th to 10th standard. Proposals of these hostels are called for from voluntary organizations by way of

advertisement in newspapers. After scrutinizing the proposals of voluntary organizations the decision to sanction the proposals will be taken.

**Project proposals from NGOs**

618. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the project proposals received from the Non-Government Organizations during the last three years;

(b) the details of the proposals which were sanctioned and thereafter found unaccountable during the above period; and

(c) the present status of each pending proposal and the likely date for their clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) and (b) The number of applications received, sanctioned and pending, year-wise, is as follows:

| Sl. | Year | No. of Proposals Received | No. of Proposals sanctioned | No. of Proposals pending |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2000-01 | 3108 | 1970 | 6 |
| 2. | 2001-02 | 3645 | 2602 | 71 |
| 3. | 2002-03 | 4249 | 2599 | 247 |

The remaining proposals have been considered and not found suitable for sanction. The details are at statement (*See* below)

(c) The details are at Annexure. [See Appendix 200, Annexure No. 5]. The sanction of a grant-in-aid for projects depends on various factors like the recommendations of the State Governments/Nodal Agency, the availability of funds, its viability, the requirement of the project in a particular area, the agency's financial credibility, infrastructure capability and its experience in the relevant field. In view of these factors, no time frame for the decision on proposals can be indicated. [*See* Appendix 200, Annexure No. 5]